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Colorado

Otter spotted eating trout at Colorado toxic mine site raises hope for new kind of cleanup

<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/12/17/toxic-colorado-mine-wildlife-emerging/>

Decision expected Monday on downtown Colorado Springs power plant's future

<http://gazette.com/decision-expected-monday-on-downtown-colorado-springs-power-plants-future/article/1617418>

Vail nets Great Outdoors Colorado habitat restoration grant for work along Gore Creek

<https://www.vaildaily.com/news/vail-nets-great-outdoors-colorado-habitat-restoration-grant-for-work-along-gore-creek/>

Longmont second city in Colorado to convert sewage byproduct into fuel

http://www.dailycamera.com/news/ci_31529520/longmont-second-city-colorado-convert-sewage-byproduct-into-fuel

Montana

Standard View: EPA must revisit exclusion of Flat from Cleanup

http://mtstandard.com/opinion/standard-view-epa-must-revisit-exclusion-of-flat-from-cleanup/article_0bfcdc44-45d0-56d5-b38f-fca2fb1b2e68.html

When Superfund comes to town: Remove the tailings, get it done

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http://mtstandard.com/opinion/when-superfund-comes-to-town-remove-the-tailings-get-it/article_5823dc48-4c6b-5dca-a704-7570bfcf26ab.html

EPA now says West Side Soils does not include the Flat

http://mtstandard.com/news/local/epa-now-says-west-side-soils-does-not-include-the-flat/article_f24ae025-4c75-5cbf-bb97-d29e1092e1d2.html

Flathead National Forest releases forest plan

http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/flathead-national-forest-releases-forest-plan/article_e2954822-35aa-5448-979c-e9f4251cfe36.html

Ryan Zinke is Trump's attack dog on the environment

<https://www.outsideonline.com/2266216/man-flies-his-own-flag>

North Dakota

Planting for the Future project will add 55,000 trees in North Dakota

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/planting-for-the-future-project-will-add-trees-in-north/article_7359c452-b811-5bb8-b6e8-ab2aabf9ffab.html

North Dakota to sell equipment from illegal well

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/north-dakota/articles/2017-12-15/north-dakota-to-sell-equipment-from-illegal-well>

Industrial Commission votes to confiscate, sell equipment from illegal well

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/industrial-commission-votes-to-confiscate-sell-equipment-from-illegal-well/article_dc98bb2f-c8bc-5f3f-9a5f-30d62ddc5301.html

South Dakota

2017 harvest outperforms expectations amid South Dakota drought

<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2017/12/13/2017-harvest-outperforms-expectations-amid-south-dakota-drought/950053001/>

Company raises \$1.74 million for gold drilling near Rochford

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/company-raises-million-for-gold-drilling-near-rochford/article_c79b2de3-5613-5b27-9e74-08159308cd82.html

Utah

Amid inversion focus turns to keeping Utah students active indoors

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900005841/amid-inversion-focus-turns-to-keeping-utah-students-active-indoors.html>

Nearly 1 in 5 Weber County diesel vehicles failing emissions tests

<http://www.standard.net/Environment/2017/12/15/Nearly-1-in-5-Weber-County-diesel-vehicles-failing-emissions-tests.html>

Is that fog or smog over the Wasatch Front? During an inversion it might be both

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/environment/2017/12/17/is-that-fog-or-smog-over-utahs-wasatch-front-during-an-inversion-it-might-be-both/>

Scientists say the Great Salt Lake is disappearing, but could Utah residents save it?

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/environment/2017/12/16/scientists-say-the-great-salt-lake-is-disappearing-but-could-utah-residents-save-it/>

River restoration project nearly complete

https://news.hjnews.com/environment/river-restoration-project-nearly-complete/article_ffff68a3-0cf1-5c67-800f-ef6eee500c3e.html

Trump environmental officials are keeping tight rein over stampede of FOIA requests

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2017/12/16/trump-environmental-officials-are-keeping-tight-rein-over-stampede-of-foia-requests/>

In our opinion: There's a little silver in the dark, gray inversion lining

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/865694030/In-our-opinion-Theres-a-little-silver-in-the-dank-gray-inversion-lining.html>

Wyoming

Barrasso pushes EPA to retract proposed groundwater rules for uranium mining

http://trib.com/business/energy/barrasso-pushes-epa-to-retract-proposed-groundwater-rules-for-uranium/article_dc19b586-1c63-57d4-9843-6a0976d174ad.html

Small wind farm stokes old debate on the eve of the Wyoming wind boom

http://trib.com/business/energy/small-wind-farm-stokes-old-debate-on-the-eve-of/article_4617bfbc-dd52-5946-bd20-452670cab8d5.html#tncms-source=infinity-scroll-summary-siderail-latest

National

E.P.A. Employees Spoke Out. Then Came Scrutiny of Their Email.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/17/us/politics/epa-pruitt-media-monitoring.html>

E.P.A. Contractor Has Spent Past Year Scouring the Agency for Anti-Trump Officials

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/15/us/politics/epa-scott-pruitt-foia.html>

Trump environmental officials are keeping tight rein over stampede of FOIA requests

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2017/12/15/trump-environmental-officials-are-keeping-tight-rein-over-stampede-of-foia-requests/?utm_term=.8445116f3abf

AP Exclusive: Climate change hits Winter Olympic preparation

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/olympics/2017/12/18/ap-exclusive-snow-as-precious-as-gold-for-olympic-hopefuls/108712730/>